

The Boston Herald has abandoned its comic Sunday supplement because it wasn't.—Cleveland Leader.

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To be wise too late is the exactest definition of a fool.—Young.

UPRISING IN CARACAS AND MANY KILLED

Further Trouble Anticipated Which Will End in Overthrow of Dictator.

CASTRO PROFFESSES TO DOUBT DISPATCHES

CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS RECEIVED AT STATE DEPARTMENT FROM CONSUL CHENEY.

Caracas, Monday, Dec. 14 (via Willemstad, Dec. 16).—The people of Caracas across today against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends. The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them on the Boulevard de Plaza. President Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended.

In spite of Holland's warlike demonstrations along the coast, there have been no demonstrations against the Netherlands; they have all been directed against President Castro and Acting President Gomez.

Castro to Be Deposed.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. No official act deposing Castro from the presidency of Venezuela has yet been taken, but such a step is expected any moment. An enormous crowd of inhabitants of the capital, swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak. The people began marching up and down the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see that their ill temper would soon result in violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.

The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the state enterprise that has enriched itself at the expense of the people were ransacked and pillaged. Furniture was broken and thrown into the street and piles of lottery tickets were destroyed. The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, or which General Rivas is editor, and pillaged it completely. A steam laundry belonging to Senor Rivas was wrecked.

Dictator's Pictures Burned.

The crowd then turned its attention to several drug stores belonging to Senor Thien, a son-in-law of General Mendoza, who was at one time minister of finance and public credit under Castro. He was also the president's private secretary for several years and has been regarded as one of his staunchest supporters. He is universally hated by the enemies of Castro, and his unpopularity and his close connection with the president accounted for the anger of the populace against the property of his son-in-law.

The statues and pictures of President Castro were made into a huge bonfire on the Boulevard de Plaza. The crowd cheered as the flames completed the destruction of the statues and pictures. Numerous inscriptions setting forth the virtues of Castro and extolling his powers next attracted the mob, and every inscription bearing Castro's name was hacked out and erased. Some of these legends were carved in the public buildings of the city.

Troops Called Out.

It was after 1 o'clock by the time the crowd had gotten thus far in its depredations. It lacked leadership and paused in default of other fields for its destructive energies. It was then that a detachment of troops was called out duty on the city streets and Acting President Gomez issued a manifesto prohibiting further manifestations.

These measures had the desired effect, for the mob quieted down and then dispersed.

The attack yesterday on the offices of El Constitucional, when the crowd was hurled by a detachment of soldiers who fired into the demonstrators, resulted in several fatalities. A criminal action had been begun against Editor Rivas and other employees of the paper, in which the are charged with responsibility for these deaths. It is declared that Rivas and his men fired first on the people, making use of revolvers. El Constitucional has suspended publication and Caracas is practically without a newspaper.

The funeral of Mariano Rojas, one of the men killed in the fighting yesterday, has been fixed for tomorrow. A vast crowd will turn out and further disorders and rioting are expected.

CASTRO NOT WORRYING.

Expresses Doubt as to the Accuracy of the Dispatches.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—President Castro of Venezuela, maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports published here regarding the disturbances in Venezuela.

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SHOT INTENDED FOR ONE ELWELL

Julius Nielsen Lost His Life at Logan Owing to Mistake of Man With the Gun.

ATT HAD JUST BEEN BEATEN

THOUGHT HE WAS BEING PURSUED WHEN HE FIRED.

(Special to The Herald.)

Logan, Dec. 16.—The inquest upon the body of Julius Nielsen, who was shot last night by J. W. Att, was begun this morning and occupied the entire day. It was held before Justice William Brougham and a jury consisting of M. Paulsen, John Johnson and Albert Berntson. A great many of the details of the tragedy were gone into, and they seemed to indicate that while Att killed Nielsen, he intended to slay Isaac Elwell, Jr.

Had Been in Quarrel.

The evidence against Att showed that he and Elwell quarreled in a saloon and finally came to blows. Att went out on the street and in talking about the quarrel said: "If I had a gun I would put Elwell to the bad," and then announced that he was going to his room to get something to defend himself with. He was dissuaded from this, but finally started for his room in company with Ben McCulloch. About half way to his room he stopped at a bakery to get a pie, McCulloch going on to the room.

Att Badly Beaten.

When he came out of the shop Elwell, who had left the saloon by a rear entrance, intercepted him and gave him a severe beating. Elwell then went back to the saloon and Att, getting up, declared that he would get a gun and "get" Elwell. Nielsen and Johnson had been invited to Att's room by McCulloch, and they followed Att down the alley a few rods behind him.

Fatal Shot Fired.

Going in, Att crossed his room, and securing a 38-caliber revolver lying on a shelf, fired as the men turned the corner to come into his room. He then shut the door and remained in his room until arrested by Marshal Peterson. Att, who displayed a badly battered countenance, went on the witness stand and his testimony as to the quarrel did not differ from that of the others, except that he denied threatening to "get" Elwell. He said that after getting away from his assailant he went to his room and was washing the blood from his face when he heard footsteps outside and a voice he took for Elwell's called him by name sharply. He called back, "D—n you, don't you come in here," and immediately the door was kicked open.

Pistol Was Handy.

His revolver lay on a shelf in front of him, and seizing it he fired out the door to scare them, but shot too low. He rather destroyed the effect of this, however, by admitting that he said to the marshal and sheriff when taken to jail: "He beat me up pretty badly and then two big wallpapers came down to finish it, and I took a shot at them." There was no evidence tending to connect a dead man with the brawl in any way.

The autopsy performed by Drs. Budge and F. D. Clarke showed that the bullet entered the right breast and passed across through the lungs and the heart.

Result of Inquest.

The jury's verdict was as follows: "That the said deceased, Julius Nielsen, came to his death in said Logan precinct, on the 15th day of December, 1908, by means of a wound inflicted on his person by John W. Att. He, the said John W. Att, having then, and there, with a firearm, to-wit, a 38-caliber pistol, and there held the pistol in his hand and fired in and upon the person of the said Julius Nielsen, deceased. We, the said jurors, further find that the said killing was felonious and constituted murder in the first degree."

Nielsen's funeral will be held on Sunday at 11:30 a. m. in the Fifth ward meeting house.

INFLUENCE OF M'KINLEY.

Speech of Governor Hughes at Dedication of Memorial Organ.

New York, Dec. 16.—Governor Hughes spoke at Metropolitan temple tonight at a meeting continuing the week's service in dedication of the McKinley Memorial Organ. In the course of his address he said: "I consider it a great good fortune to take part in services connected with the dedication of such a fine memorial to one of those sweet spirits whose influence will long be a part of the sacred music of the nation. We have had distinguished presidents. Each one has played his part in his own way, but the gentle and effective influence of McKinley can never be forgotten. He was a man not merely of strength of character, not merely wise, but he was kindly and true hearted, a man who was loved and whose memory will always be revered, not only by the people, but by the general recognition of his services, but more particularly by those who came within the range of his influence who have been taught the story of his life and the secret of his power."

Portfolio Offer Withdrawn

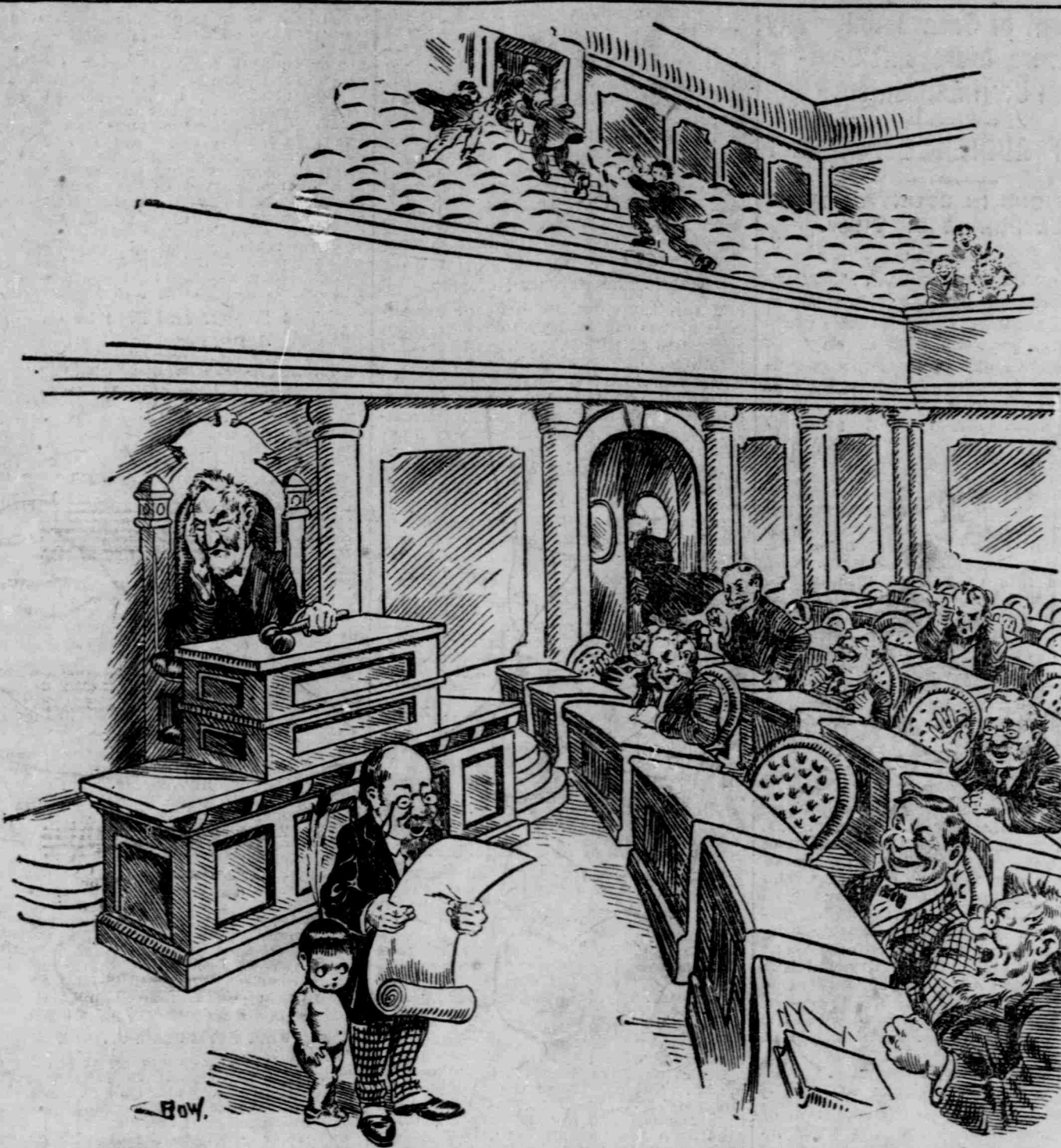
New York, Dec. 16.—It was authoritatively announced tonight that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland had been withdrawn by Mr. Taft, and would not be renewed.

Mr. Burton has been mentioned as the probable secretary of the treasury, and it is said that the portfolio had been definitely offered to him. The statement followed a conference of Mr. Taft with several Republican leaders from Ohio. Mr. Burton, it is believed, will now make an active contest in the Ohio senatorial campaign.

Charles P. Taft was at the conference, and when he was asked what bearing, if any, the conference may have upon his candidacy for the senate to succeed Senator Foraker, he replied: "I am going to win. Everything is favorable."

The president-elect had nothing to say regarding the conference as regards the senatorship. Mr. Taft has repeatedly announced that he was keeping "hands off" the Ohio senatorial situation. He so stated his position anew to Congressman Burton several days ago in Washington.

The conference made Mr. Taft and his three brothers late for the reception in honor of the president-elect at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, preceding the Ohio society dinner.



Is this a joke? No, just a Roosevelt message.

FIRST WITNESS IN HAINSTRAIL

Movements of Principals in Tragedy Traced by Means of Iron Figures.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The story of the slaying of William E. Annis, as he sat in his cat boat and was riddled with bullets, was today made part of the record in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, a magazine writer, charged with being a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the murder of Annis last summer.

Tracing the movements of the principals at the Bayside Yacht club tragedy with the aid of miniature iron figures, and models of the float and the cat boat Pam, Edward Andrews, a yacht club member, showed under examination how the army captain, standing on the float's edge, held aloft the obscuring boom and sail of Annis' boat and shot the publisher as he sat at the tiller.

Important Witness Missing.

There was surprise when it was learned that John Tenning, a Swedish boatman, who saw the tragedy, could not be located.

District Attorney Darrin said he thought Tenning was in Sweden, but that nothing had been heard from him since last September.

"He was an important witness for us," said Lawyer McIntyre, "for through him we would have known that he struck Captain Hains after the shooting, with a boat hook or oar, and that to protect his brother, Thornton Hains drew his revolver."

Claims of Defense.

The cross-examination of Andrews consumed the major portion of the afternoon and Lawyer McIntyre sought to develop that Thornton Hains had said after the shooting that he had tried to dissuade Captain Hains from his act and that he would hold him until the officers came.

Special Prosecutor White declared evidence would be brought out to show that Thornton Hains had full knowledge of his brother's intentions to kill Annis and virtually led the way to the yacht club and directed the search for the publisher.

White declared that Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at Mrs. Annis and prevented her from going to the aid of her wounded husband.

BIG FLOODS IN ARIZONA

People Marooned on Islands Near Phoenix—A Postmaster Who Moved Without Orders.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16.—The two days of rain all over Arizona has swollen most of the rivers to alarming proportions. The Salt and Verde rivers are particularly high, the latter emptying into the former twenty-five miles above Phoenix. The Verde rose 16 feet this morning. During the afternoon water began flowing into the storage dam under construction at Roosevelt, and which is now 7 feet high at the lowest end and 35 at the other. This evening water was within two feet of the highest point and was still rising, being seven feet over the dam at the intake power canal at the head of the Roosevelt basin.

The town of Roosevelt, formerly on a flat above the dam, has all been moved to high ground on the hillside during the summer, except the postoffice, which awaited orders from Washington. The postmaster decided today to wait no longer for orders. The house is under water.

The reclamation service placed in commission today a gasoline launch to ply on the reserve and transport mail and travelers.

The crest of the flood is not expected until tomorrow. Several persons are marooned on islands in the river bed. Two articles have been rescued and others will be tomorrow morning.

FATALLY BURNED.

Butte, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Alta V. Dobyns, a physician, was fatally burned today in her suite in the Owsley block. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MESSAGE OF ROOSEVELT DOES NOT CLEAR UP THE PANAMA CANAL DEAL

Indianapolis News Replies to the Latest Outbreak and Demands That a Searching Investigation Be Made.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—The Indianapolis News, mentioned in the special message on the Panama canal deal, sent to congress yesterday by President Roosevelt, today issued a reply to the chief executive. It says:

"It is difficult to characterize fully the latest outbreak of the president without resorting to the use of language as undignified and blameworthy as that which put the president's utterance in a class by itself in the official literature of the high office he holds. Whatever provocation Mr. Roosevelt may have felt pricking his soul, nothing could justify or extenuate the torrent of invective and virulence which he poured out in a state paper upon the head of private citizens."

The Country Humiliated.

"No one in his sober senses can fail to regard the performance as a grave derogation to the dignity of the presidential station, a pitiable exhibition of lowering rage on the part of the chief magistrate and the source of humiliation and chagrin to the entire country. It is quite impossible to think of any of Mr. Roosevelt's long line of distinguished predecessors that could possibly so far forgotten the dignities and deccencies of his exalted position as to transmit to congress a message in any way comparable with that of yesterday."

"Denunciation and bitterness of speech are not explanation and no answer."

CHICAGO'S SOCIAL EVENT ALIVE AND UNDER ARREST

Arrests Made as the Result of Beatings Administered at the First Ward Ball.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Alderman John Coughlin, otherwise known as "Bath House," was arrested here today, charged with assault on Lyman Attwell, a photographer of the Record-Herald.

Attwell, together with Wynchle King, a cartoonist of the Record-Herald, were assigned to get photographs and illustrations of the First ward Democratic ball last Monday night. Coughlin, who, with Alderman "Hinky-Dink" Kenna, is the annual beneficiary of the ball, was standing on the sidewalk receiving guests as they alighted. Attwell, according to his own story, attempted to snap "Bath House," whereupon the latter led an assault in which the photographer was badly beaten and his camera smashed.

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PULLMAN CARS BURNED.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 16.—A Northern Pacific coast train was damaged by fire to the extent of \$60,000 while at the station at St. Cloud, Minn. A lighted match dropped by a passenger on a window curtain started the fire. The entire car was soon ablaze and the fire spread to a second Pullman sleeper. Both cars were burned to the trucks.

Matter Not Cleared Up.

The News states that the World undoubtedly has what it honestly considered good grounds for believing that everything has not been what it should have been in the acquisition by this country of the Panama canal for its former owners, although a paper may be deceived. The News states that whether Mr. Roosevelt knows or not rumors and reports touching the Panama transaction have been numerous and persistent, and that in spite of all assurances, people are still not convinced that everything was as it should have been, this without in the least impugning the good faith of the president or his agents in the negotiations. The News said "many points have not been cleared up, and they cannot be cleared up by threats of libel suits and pen and ink of editors that hold the good name and the interests of the country quite as dear as does the president."

The paper, concluding, says the Rainey resolution should be adopted and that congress should make a searching investigation of all the facts, circumstances and rumors connected with the Panama activities of the government.

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JUDGE TAFT'S TARIFF TALK IN NEW YORK

Better No Revision at All Than a Dishonest Attempt to Alter the Schedules.

DUTY OF REPUBLICANS TO FULFILL PROMISES

SPEECH OF PRESIDENT-ELECT AT BANQUET OF OHIO SOCIETY AT HOTEL ASTOR.

New York, Dec. 16.—President-elect William H. Taft was the guest of honor tonight at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio society of New York. Around the 100 tables placed in the grand ball room in Astor gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, were men gathered from every section of the country and leaders in many walks of life.

Mr. Taft took advantage of the occasion, in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since his election, to pledge his administration and his party so far as he can control it, to a loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon the revision of the tariff, which he singled out as the most important declaration made at the last national convention, and after having previously referred to the veto power of the chief executive, said, with all the emphasis of which he was capable:

"Better no revision at all, better that the new bill should fail unless we have an honest and thorough revision on the basis laid down and the principle outlined in the party platform."

Mr. Taft also referred to the Sherman anti-trust law and declared for its enforcement as one of the Roosevelt policies that the party had pledged itself to carry forward.

At the President's Table.

Seated at the "president's table" with Mr. Taft were the vice president-elect, Mr. Sherman, Governor Charles E. Hughes, Henry W. Taft, president of the society; Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati; Horace D. Taft of Waterford, Conn.; Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale; former Senator John C. Spooner, one of those who responded to the toasts; J. Pierpont Morgan, Paul Morgan, Governor Franklin Fort of New Jersey; Secretary Straus, Frank H. Hitchcock, Bishop Leonard of Ohio, General H. C. Corbin, Admiral Casper Goodrich and others.

One of the tables was perhaps the most notable group of financiers ever gathered together at a dinner in this country. There were E. H. Harriman, George F. Baker, president of the First National bank; George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co.; E. H. Cary of the United States Steel corporation, John Claffin, Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City bank; Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life insurance company; J. P. Morgan, Jr.; J. P. Stotesbury of New York; Morgan & Co. of Philadelphia and Charles Steele of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Four Rockefellerers Present.

At another table were four Rockefellerers—John D. John D., Jr., William Rockefeller and P. A. Rockefeller. With them sat John D. Archbold, the active head of the Standard Oil company, and John D. Archbold, the special counsel of the company.

Frank B. Kellogg, who has been prosecuting the Standard, and William Nelson Cromwell, brought to the front in the recent Panama canal discussion, were near neighbors to the Rockefellerers.

Thomas F. Ryan sat at a table with B. F. Youkum, James Speyer and Lord Revestoke, Paul D. Gravath, Melville E. Ingalls, Wade H. Ellis, Leslie M. Shaw, Myron T. Herrick, Justice William A. Day, Robert C. Clowry, Charles H. Treat and Delavan Smith were among the more than 400 diners.

The galleries of the ball room were filled with splendidly gowned women. The "interstate commerce" in the exchange of prominent men between New York and Ohio, and the conspiracy by which only New York and Ohio men are entitled to the presidency, were constantly referred to by the speakers, and were the cause of much merriment.

Governor Hughes was hailed by Toastmaster Henry Taft and by Senator Spooner as the "successor of Mr. Taft," when it should again come New York's turn to name the occupant of the White House.

Henry Taft was toastmaster.

Mr. Taft's Speech.

The president-elect was the last to speak. He said:

"I am going to talk a little politics tonight. And I want to invite your serious attention to some of the peculiarities with which we have to deal in our form of government as compared to that of other nations. Ours is essentially a government of parties. England also has parties, but there they fix the responsibility of the party on the man. They do not divide the responsibility as we do here under several different heads. The division of authority in our parties sometimes makes it extremely difficult to carry out the promises so freely made in the course of a campaign. The president is the executive of the nation and while in the White House"

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SENATOR HALE IS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Offensive Portion of President's Message Referred by Vote to the Senate.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY SENATOR ALDRICH

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE HOUSE HAVE NOT YET AGREED UPON A PLAN OF ACTION.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The senate today decided definitely to enter upon an investigation relative to the portion of the annual message of the president, which criticizes the action of congress in prohibiting the detail of secret service men to duty in other departments.

The resolution directing the inquiry has been in contemplation ever since the message was received on Tuesday of last week, but there had been some difficulty in arriving at the terms in which it should be couched and in agreeing upon the proper person to introduce it. It was at last decided that Senator Aldrich should stand sponsor for the measure, and today, after Senator Lodge had completed his speech on the Brownsville affair, the Rhode Island senator took the floor and presented a resolution authorizing the inquiry.

Substitute More Specific.

Senator Culberson, the caucus leader of the Democrats, immediately sent up a substitute which was somewhat more specific.

Both measures were promptly referred to the committee on contingent expenses, and almost immediately afterward Senator Keam, from the committee, reported back the Aldrich resolution with a recommendation that it pass. Senator Culberson made prompt objection, and it looked for a time as if the consideration of the subject would be postponed until tomorrow.

Finally the Democrats made it known that they would interpose no objection to the immediate consideration of the Aldrich resolution if the portion of the Culberson substitute directing the committee on appropriations to advise the senate specifically as to the course of action it should take with reference to the message could be incorporated in it. The resolution was again referred to the committee on contingent expenses and Chairman Keam, of that committee, was prompt in reporting a recommendation for the adoption of the Aldrich resolution with the addition of the Culberson provision. After a very animated discussion, the resolution was adopted without division and thus was the inquiry decided upon. The resolution, as adopted, follows:

The Resolution Adopted.

"Resolved, That that portion of the annual message of the president relating to the secret service is hereby referred to the committee on appropriations, who are instructed to inquire whether the legislation referred to in the message has impaired the efficiency or sufficiency of the force employed in the secret service; and such committee is further directed to ascertain what persons other than those included in the secret service were paid from the public treasury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, for services in connection with the enforcement of the laws or for work in the detection or investigation of possible crimes or criminal acts or violation of the law, including all special attorneys, special agents, inspectors or other employees of any department of the government, or any branch of the public service, and also some information as to all persons whose employment was provided for by indefinite or general appropriation; the information to contain the names of all persons so employed or paid, the previous occupation, the nature of the work in which they were engaged, by whom they were appointed, and upon whose suggestion or recommendation; the inquiry, however, not to include officers appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, or officers specifically provided for by law, or laborers appointed as such and actually engaged in employment as laborers."

The resolution further authorizes the committee on appropriations to subpoena witnesses and examine them under oath; and further to report what action, if any, in the judgment of the committee the senate should take in the matter.

Main Point Not Covered.

Mr. Bailey objected to the resolution, because it did not direct the committee to inquire into the "very gross and wanton" words of the president's message.

"So far as I am concerned," he said, "no action should be taken on that resolution until that point is covered. Either congress is the most infamous body that ever assembled in any country of the world, or it will take some notice of this most wanton and gross insult ever given any body in the world."

Mr. Aldrich insisted that the resolution provided for just what Mr. Bailey advocated, but the senator from Texas retorted that if that was included in the resolution, it was in mild terms.

Impossible To Find Out

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt today sent to congress a letter of the secretary of war transmitting a memorandum prepared by Judge Charlton of the bureau of insular affairs, and Richard R. Rogers, the general counsel of the isthmian canal commission, bearing further upon the charges that Americans were interested in the Panama canal property at the time of the purchase by the United States. The memorandum states that at the time the property was transferred it included the so-called "archives," and they are now in possession of this government.

Examination of these archives by Messrs. Charlton and Rogers show, however, that neither at the time of the first examination nor now, were there any lists of stockholders in the old or new Panama Canal companies, except those contained in the formal minutes. The minutes of the last meeting prior to the transfer of the property were not contained in the archives surrendered, and the law officers say that the United States government has no concern in them. It is believed to be impossible, therefore, to gather for the records the names of any Americans, if any, who profited by the sale of the property.

NOTED INDIAN DEAD.

Pine Ridge, S. D., Dec. 16.—Chief American Horse, a noted Ogallala Sioux chief, died today on Pine Ridge reservation, aged 76. Two years ago the war department used him to subdue the renegade band of Utes in Wyoming.

CITIZENSHIP DENIED.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—American citizenship was denied to Reynaldo Diano, a Filipino, by Federal Judge Thompson today. Diano was barred because of the constitutional provision that only free born whites or persons of African descent may become citizens.